

AGENDA



Thursday, May 8, 2008

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 41**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a 36-month requirements supply contract with WAYEST SAFETY, INC., Forney, TX, for firefighter airpacks and replacement parts in an estimated amount not to exceed \$975,000, with three 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$325,000 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$1,950,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$108,333 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of the Austin Fire Department. Funding for the remaining 32 months of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: Lynn Mueller, Contract Compliance Manager, 972-4011

Purchasing Language: Lowest bid of two bids received.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

This contract will provide Scott Health & Safety airpacks and replacement parts for the Austin Fire Department. These items are used to outfit Austin firefighters with air safety equipment necessary to maintain safe, breathable air while engaging in fire suppression and other emergency operations. This contract will also allow the Austin Fire Department to maintain an adequate inventory of spare parts and replacement units.

The Austin Fire Department has used Scott Health & Safety breathing air apparatus since 1986.

MBE/WBE solicited: 7/9

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. One hundred twenty-three notices were sent, including seven MBEs and nine WBEs. Two bids were received, with no response from the MBE/WBEs.
- c. The pricing offered is equal to the current contract price for this commodity.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Lowest bid received. Wayest Safety, Inc. is the current provider of this equipment.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with the Austin Fire Department's recommended award.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on the Internet.